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TELLS OF CAPTURE OF THE APPAM

German Raider Moewe, Dis-
guised as a Tramp, Car-
ries Battery.

RESISTANCE USELESS

Shot Fired Across Bow and False
Forecastle Falls Away, Revealing
Heavy Cannon.

Old Point Comfort, Va., February
2.—The Moewe was disguised as a
tramp steamer and carried a battery
of heavy guns concealed behind a false
forecastle head when she captured the
Appam, according to a story Carroll
B. Foster, pilot, said last night that
Captain Harrison, the Appam com-
mander, told him. Foster brought
the Appam here after she had report-
ed on the way in the talk with Capt.
Harrison.

The story told by Foster is the only
detailed account of the capture that
has come from the Appam, Lieut.
Berg, the German naval officer in
charge of the crew which captured
the vessel, refuses positively to permit
any one except United States officers
to board or leave the ship. An armed
guard on the deck warns all sorts of
vessels to steer wide of the Appam.
"It is best not to go near her," the
Lieutenant warned newspaper men
last night. "My men might shoot."
This is Capt. Harrison's story of
the Appam's capture as Foster told
it last night.

"It was a bright, clear day when we
were captured. We were moving
along at a fair rate of speed when
suddenly in the distance I saw what
appeared to be an ordinary tramp
steamer. Gradually she came closer.
We did not fear her and continued
ahead with out attempt to escape,
nor without making preparations to
combat her, as we certainly expected
no attack.

"Suddenly the tramp fired a shot
from a small gun across our bow, I
immediately dove to. As I did, the
false forecastle heave, made appar-
ently of canvas or some other flimsy ma-
terial, fell away and revealed a bat-
tery of huge guns.

"It immediately was apparent that
resistance was useless, so we surren-
dered without offering resistance."

The next chapter of Foster's ver-
sion of Harrison's narrative as to
how the small crew of Germans pilot-
ed the Appam successfully across the
width of the Atlantic and kept the
Appam crew and passengers in sub-
jection, was graphic and romantic.

"Once aboard the Appam," Foster
quoted Harrison as continuing, "The
German prize crew under the protec-
tion of the battery of guns of the
raider immediately disarmed the crew
and locked them in various cabins. A
similar precaution was taken with the
passengers.

"In the course of this work the
twenty German captives who were
being taken to England, were discov-
ered.

"They were liberated that they
might assist the crew in taking charge
of the liner.

"A large number of prisoners cap-
tured from various vessels sunk by
the Germans then were placed aboard
the Appam.

"When the race for Hampton Roads
started a prize crew was stationed at
the wireless for the purpose of re-
ceiving all messages, but to send none.
By this method the whereabouts of
the British cruisers patrolling the reg-
ular ocean lanes were always known to
Lieut. Berg, who steered for out-
reach of them.

"The crew and passengers of the
captured steamer were given daily
exercise, but only in small numbers
at a time. Thus it was very easy for
the few Germans to control several
hundred captives."

The crew and passengers, according
to Foster, had no complaint to make
over their treatment. There is a short-
age of food and water on the Appam,
however, Foster declared.

STEAMED OYSTERS AT JACOB
BRILL'S FOOT OF KING STREET.

CAPTURE OF THE APPAM

May Precipitate Another Issue Be-
tween United States and Ger-
many.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 2.—Looming up
through the fog which curtailed the
Virginia capes came in the early dawn
yesterday the steamer Appam. From
her mast flew the German naval en-
sign. She was a German prize cap-
tured somewhere on the high seas by
a mysterious raider which already
had sent seven British ships to the
bottom.

The Appam was a British liner. She
piled between the British isles and
West African ports. Two weeks ago
she was reported missing. After a
week it was considered certain that
she had met with disaster at sea. It
was almost impossible to carry her
insurance. And now thousands of miles
from her charter course, she moored
to a dock in Norfolk with 22 Ger-
man officers and men standing guard,
as they have for more than two weeks
over a shipload of British officers,
seamen and passengers.

The capture was made on the Can-
ary Islands and the vessel crossed the
Atlantic, a distance of approximately
4,200 miles, with a prize crew on board
and a German commander on the
bridge.

Among the persons on board the
Appam were passengers taken from
other British ships which had been
sunk by the armed German tramp.

In command of the prize ship is a
stout German named Berge. Before
going on the ship he had been second
in command of the Moewe, a ship of
mystery. It came from "somewhere"
and is "somewhere" now.

The Appam is a brand-new ship of
7,781 tons and with her cargo is val-
ued at \$1,500,000. Her commander
when she left Dakar, Capt. H. G.
Harrison, gave this story of the cap-
ture:

"On January 15, four days after the
Appam left port, she was overhauled
by a swift but disreputable-looking
tramp steamer near the Canary Is-
lands. The tramp, which was recogniz-
ed as German opened fire, in the mean-
time signalling the Appam to heave to.
The Appam tried to flee, but the shells
from the tramp began falling on
board, and when several persons
had been wounded it was decided to
give up."

Washington, Feb. 2.—Whether the
United States government decides to
intern the British steamer Appam,
which arrived in Hampton Roads yester-
day in charge of a German prize
crew, or decides to release her and
turn her over to the British owners,
officials of the State Department are
anticipating trouble.

Whichever way the decision goes,
it is realized that a warm diplomatic
dispute is in prospect either with
Great Britain or Germany.

The indications at present are that
the vessel will be interned, although
officials are careful to say that such
predictions are subject to modifica-
tion in the light of material infor-
mation yet to be received.

If the United States decides to in-
tern her, it is stated, it will be either
on the ground that the Appam, since
capture, has been converted into a
German naval auxiliary, or that the
treaty of 1779, between Prussia and
the United States, obligates this gov-
ernment to grant an asylum to Ger-
man prizes.

RUSSIANS ROUTING TURKS

Fleeing Troops Barely Escape From
The Cossacks

Paris, Feb. 1.—News has been re-
ceived in diplomatic circles at Athens,
the Balkan agency's correspondent
there telegraphs, that the Russians
have inflicted a fresh defeat on the
Turks in the Caucasus. The corres-
pondent reiterates the report that the
Russians have surrounded Erzerum.
The Turkish authorities and the bank-
ers with the bank funds, he says, left
the city at the last moment, barely es-
caping capture by Cossacks. Russian
artillery has begun to bombard the
forts of the city.

The correspondent adds that the
Turks are hastily fortifying the town
of Angora and Sivas, capitals of the
vilayets of those names situated, re-
spectively, 215 and 425 miles east of
Constantinople.

Oysters In All Styles At The Ram-
mel Cafe.

BERLIN WOULD AVOID BREAK

German Government Makes
New Advances to the
United States

FRESH INSTRUCTIONS.

These, It is Believed, Will Lead to
a Positive Understanding in the
Lusitania Case.

Washington, D. C., February 2.—
The German foreign office today
transmitted to Ambassador von Bern-
storff at Washington instructions
"which give reasonable hope for a
positive understanding," on the Lusi-
tania question, it was semi-officially
stated today.

The statement was issued on ac-
count of alarming reports from Eng-
lish sources regarding the present
nature of German-American relations
because of the Lusitania controversy.

"It is true," says the semi-official
statement, "that on last Saturday the
German ambassador at Washington
cabled his government that he had
found it thus far impossible to adjust
the Lusitania case in a manner satis-
factory to both sides by a friendly
and verbal exchange of views.

"Today instructions were trans-
mitted to the German ambassador,
which give reasonable hope for a
positive understanding."

Berlin, Feb. 2.—President Wilson
must make the next move in the pre-
sent Lusitania deadlock. The solution
of the new German-American contro-
versy depends upon the decision the
President will make, following the re-
ceipt of a full report from Col. E.
H. House, his confidential agent, on
the result of his conference with Ger-
man officials.

German officials desire that no inti-
mation of their attitude be cabled to
the United States until this report is
in President Wilson's hands. But it
was learned today that Col. House
was apprised of a new and recent change
of sentiment in Germany regarding
relations with America. Germany, he
was told, is today a solid unit as far
as her foreign relations are concern-
ed.

Officials and other German leaders
are most earnest in their desire for
American friendship. They are pa-
tiently and anxiously watching devel-
opments, trusting that an agreement
mutually satisfactory is possible.

The Cologne Gazette points out that
there can be an adjustment if good
will exists on both sides, Germany,
the Gazette declares, is showing this
attitude.

VISIT TO SISTERHOOD

Ladies From Washington Entertained
Here Last Night

Mrs. Dr. Abram Simon, of Wash-
ington, president of the National
Federation of the Temple Sisterhood,
accompanied by Mrs. Friedlander, Mrs.
Hochester, Mrs. Heilbroun, Mrs. Ges-
pner, Mrs. Friedberg, Mrs. Green-
baum and Mrs. Sennberg, paid a visit
to the Temple Sisterhood, Beth-El,
last night.

After an address of welcome by the
local president, Mrs. A. Dreifus, the
audience was entertained by Mrs.
Charles Lennon, organ recital, Ken-
neth W. Ogden, solo, Mrs. George
Pickett, solo, and Mrs. Herman Fried-
lander, solo, accompanied by Mr. A.
Friedlander on the violin.

After the musical Mrs. Simon was
introduced as the principal speaker of
the evening. In an eloquent address
she told what the Federation of Tem-
ple Sisterhood at large was doing for
the various congregations and what
it stood for. At the conclusion of her
address she was presented by Mrs.
Dreifus, on behalf of the local sister-
hood, with a handsome bouquet of
flowers.

Benedict Weil, president of the Beth-
El congregation, in very appropriate
remarks, mentioned the good that
this section had done for the temple
and how greatly their work was ap-
preciated.

At the conclusion of the program re-
freshments were served in the vestry.

LOCAL BREVITIES

Mrs. Joseph Reeves, is confined to
her home, 917 King street with a
sprained foot.

The regular monthly meeting of
the Columbia Steam Fire Engine
Company will be held tonight at 7:30
o'clock.

Mary Whiting, 84 years old, a well
known and respected colored woman,
died last night at her home, 428
south Washington street.

The meeting of the 17th. Virginia
Regiment U. D. C. which was to be
held today at 10:30 was postponed
until Thursday, February 3rd. at
10:30 at Lee Camp Hall.

Funeral services for Mrs. Adele-
laide Kirk May, wife of J. William
May, will take place from the resi-
dence of her mother, Mrs. Addie R.
Kirk, 208 north Columbus street, to-
morrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Patrick Slavin, 59 years old, died
last night at the residence of John
H. Stewart, 219 Gibson street. His
funeral will take place on Friday
morning at 9:30 o'clock from St.
Mary's Catholic Church.

In the circuit court today Jacob
Wrzesinski qualified as executor of
the estate of his brother, Ferdinand.
W. L. Rammel, Charles Smith and
Henry Papisoske were named as ap-
praisers of the estate.

The funeral of Mrs. Ellen Thorn-
ton Chapman, 86 years old, widow of
John Chapman, of Fauquier county,
who died yesterday at the Louise
Home, Washington, will be held to-
morrow morning at 10 o'clock from
Christ Episcopal Church, this city.

Through John D. Normoyle, real
estate agent, C. O. Pulman has sold
to William B. Smoot, a lot in the court
bounded by Prince, Columbus, Duke
and Alfred streets. S. G. Brent,
special commissioner, has sold to Ther-
esa Roberts, a house and lot on the
north side of Queen street, between
Lee and Fairfax streets.

The roof of the rear portion of
the residence of E. H. Clarkson, on
the west side of Fairfax street, be-
tween King and Cameron, was found
to be burning about one o'clock this
afternoon. An alarm was sounded and
the firemen extinguished the flames
before any serious damage resulted.

VIRGINIA PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Executive Committee Will Meet in
Richmond Next Monday.

Robert S. Barrett, president of the
Virginia Press Association, has called
a meeting of the executive committee
of the association, to meet in Rich-
mond, at 3 o'clock on Monday, Feb-
ruary 7th., at which time the time
and place for the holding of the next
annual convention of the association
will be determined. Staunton and
West Point have extended invitations
to the association to meet in their
respective cities.

COURT OF APPEALS

Richmond, Feb. 2.—The following
is a summary of the proceedings in
the Virginia Supreme Court of Ap-
peals yesterday:

No. 52—Dixie Peanut Co. vs. Lewis
Administrator. Argued by George
Bryan for the appellant and by Mr.
Gilliam, of Gilliam and Gilliam, and
submitted.

No. 53—Adams Grain and Provin-
sion Co. vs. Cresapeake and Ohio
Railway and John Howard for the
appellant and by Walter and David
Leake for the appellee and submitted.

No. 54—Tutwiler vs. Tutwiler. Sub-
mitted.

Next cases to be called.
No. 55—Southern Railway Co. vs.
Jones's administrator.

Court will adjourn today for this
term to reconvene in March.

ANNUAL SUPPER TOMORROW

The annual supper given by the
Rectors Aid of St. Paul's Church will
be given at the Parish Hall on Thurs-
day evening from six to eight. These
suppers have always been popular
on account of their excellence and
dainty service. Those wishing to pa-
tronize had best be on hand promptly
to secure a table. The ladies in
charge have planned an inviting
menu.

STUART WILL NOT SIGN MAPP BILL

Declares Opposition to Elec-
tion of Commissioner
of Morals

WANTS LAW ENFORCED

But Averse to Invasion of Pregoga-
tive of Chief Executive, However, It
May Be Disguised.

Richmond, Feb. 2.—"I stand ready
to co-operate with all friends of pro-
hibition in carrying out to the fullest
extent the will of the people as ex-
pressed at the polls, but I cannot
think that even the most earnest pro-
hibitionist would, upon reflection,
either desire to expect me to give my
approval to a measure which, while
vaguely declaring on its face to the con-
trary, yet in fact invades the pre-
rogatives of the chief executive and
weakens the very law which, above
all others, experience has shown needs
behind it all of the power of the
State."

In these words, contained in a let-
ter written yesterday to J. W. Hough,
of Norfolk, formerly president of the
Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, Gov-
ernor Stuart defines uncompromising-
ly his position on the question of cre-
ating the office of commissioner of
moral welfare—the outstanding fea-
ture of the Mapp prohibition bill,
which will be given a public hear-
ing to-day before the Senate and
House Committees on Moral and So-
cial Welfare.

Made public on the eve of the first
open discussion of the prohibition bill
the letter to Mr. Hough was accepted
in legislative circles yesterday as a
clear-cut statement of the Governor's
views on the commissionership issue.
While it is true that his views on this
question—expressed publicly for the
first time—were conveyed in a com-
munication to a citizen in private life,
the finality of the language and the
circumstances that the letter was ad-
dressed to a man high in the councils
of the Anti-Saloon League, gave it
the character of an ultimatum.

If any doubt lingered in ultra-dry
ranks that the Governor would pursue
a lenient course, if presented with a
prohibition bill retaining the commis-
sionership feature, that doubt was dis-
sipated yesterday in the minds of all
but the most "earnest prohibitionists."

The making public of the Governor's
views on the question of creating a
moral commissioner not subject to his
immediate control, supplied Capitol
and hotel lobbies last night with a
fruitful theme. Recognized "dry" men
admitted that the development was
extremely interesting, but carefully
refrained from commenting on it.
Under the shelter of anonymity, some
of the more outspoken members con-
ceded that the issue between the Gov-
ernor and the advocates of the new
office is now sharply and unmistakably
defined.

The Senate Committee on Moral and
Social Welfare will begin public hear-
ing on the Mapp prohibition bill this
afternoon in the hall of the house of
delegates. As guests of the Senate
Committee will sit the same com-
mittee from the House. The bill has
so far not been introduced in the lo-
west branch.

Chairman Mapp, of the Senate com-
mittee, said last night that no set
program for the hearing has been ar-
ranged. Every person interested,
whether a member of the Legislature
or not, will have the right to speak.
It is certain that among the support-
ers of the bill will be Rev. James
Cannon, Jr., superintendent of the
Anti-Saloon League of Virginia.

Supplementing the proposed legis-
lation carrying State-wide prohibition
into effect, Senator Mapp, with Sen-
ators, West, Saunders and Walker as
copatrons, introduced in the Senate
yesterday an "ouster" bill providing
for the removal from office, by court
proceedings, of any State, city or
county officer who neglects or fails
to perform his duty in enforcing the
prohibition, antvice or antigambling
laws.

The bill provides that any citizen
or governmental official who thinks
he has sufficient ground to prefer

charges against an officer may file his
complaint, on oath, with the Circuit
Court of his city, or county, or with
the judge in vacation. In the court
proceedings against the accused offi-
cer the complaint will be represented
by the State commissioner of moral
welfare, the Commonwealth's attor-
ney connected with the department, if
necessary. The proceedings cannot be
dismissed except with the consent of
all three of the prosecutors. Either
side is given the right of appeal.

WILSON RAPS ROOSEVELT

Says Danger Comes From Contact
With Other Countries

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 2.—President
Wilson last night picked up the gaunt-
let hurled down by former President
Roosevelt. Just as Col. Roosevelt has
attacked him so plainly that no one
could mistake who was meant, Presi-
dent Wilson scorchingly criticized the
former President. He did not mention
his name, but there were few present
who did not know who was the ob-
ject of his remarks.

"There are some men actually
preaching war," he declared, in dis-
cussing the dangers to this country.
"They seek controversies with other
nations. They would have America
abandon its traditional politics and
engage in the conflict now devastating
Europe."

"I know not what the standards of
those men are, but I do know I can-
not agree to those standards."

The President's address last night
was delivered before the greatest
crowd he has yet faced on his prepa-
rations swing around the circle. He
referred to the great crowd in his
speech as evidence of the great in-
terest in national defense.

"The message continually reaches
me. 'We are counting upon you to
keep this country out of war.' The
President said, 'I have expended all
my energy to do so'."

The president strongly reiterated
his declaration that "hyphenated
Americanism" is a thing of the past.

"Dangers to our peace do not come
any longer from within our own bor-
ders," he said. "I could not say that
six months ago. Passion was astir
then in this country. But danger is
past America has regained her self-
possession. No influence within Amer-
ica is going to disturb the peace of
America."

America's dangers—and they are
many—come from contact with other
nations."

President Wilson strongly advocat-
ed government ownership of munici-
pality plants.

"But," he said, and he paused to em-
phasize his statement, "if it comes to
the question of defending this na-
tion we are going to defend it, no mat-
ter who makes money."

BRIGHTER FOR BRANDEIS

Opponents Admit He Will Be Con-
firmed as Judge.

Washington, Feb. 1.—The opponents
of Louis D. Brandeis, nominated to
be associate justice of the Supreme
Court of the United States, admit
that he will be confirmed.

Acting Chairman Overman, of the
Judiciary Committee has appointed
as a subcommittee to consider the ap-
pointment Senators Chilton, West
Virginia, (chairman); Fletcher, Flo-
rida, Walsh, Montana. Democrats;
Clark, Wyoming, and Cummins, Iowa,
Republicans.

Although Senator Overman had an-
nounced himself as opposed to the
appointment, the subcommittee is
admitted to be friendly to Mr. Bran-
deis. Senators Chilton, Fletcher and
Cummins are said to be favorable,
with Walsh noncommittal and Clark
opposed.

Senator Chilton announces that
the first meeting will be held Thurs-
day. No requests for a hearing have
yet been received, but any such re-
quests from persons having good
cause to come before the committee
will be granted.

"If the other four members of the
committee feel as I do about this ap-
pointment a report will be made to
the full committee very soon," was
the comment made by Mr. Chilton.

DEATH NOTICE

Died on Tuesday, February 1st., at
the Louise Home, Washington, D. C.,
MRS. ELLEN THORNTON CHAP-
MAN, widow of John Chapman of
Fauquier county, Va., in the 86th,
year of her age. Funeral services will
be held at Christ Church, Thursday
morning at 10 a. m. Interment private.

CITY OF NEWPORT FLOODED AGAIN

Kentucky's Second Inunda-
tion During the Past
Six Months

CAUSES MUCH DAMAGE

Cities Along River Under Water—
Total Loss of Life in California
Thirty-Nine.

Newport, Ark., Feb. 2.—With the
Jacksonport levee out, due to overflow
of the White river, into Newport
Lake, this city yesterday experienced
its second disastrous flood in the last
six months. Water is from two to
six feet deep in the main business
section, with the current running 10
miles an hour.

There will be no shortage of food
and little suffering, according to of-
ficials. Early flood warnings led resi-
dents to take every precaution. Live-
stock has been taken to high ground.

Between 300 and 500 men with 35-
000 to 50,000 sacks of sand are furth-
er strengthening the levees.

Indianapolis, Feb. 2.—The Wah-
ash river, with a stage of more than
six feet above the danger mark at
Terre Haute, was threatening heavy
destruction from Lafayette to its
source last night. Hundreds of fam-
ilies in the Wahash bottom lands were
driven from their homes today as the
water crept gradually higher.

In West Terre Haute the schools
were closed because of flood water
rushing through the streets. Many
mines in the vicinity were forced to
suspend operations.

At Vincennes, Ind., and at Grayville,
Ill., a little farther down the river,
the situation is serious, according to
reports received here. Evansville ex-
pressed little fear of damage from
the Ohio river flood at that point.

The cold wave, which brought the
temperature down to within 12 deg-
rees of zero, checked the flood waters
in many sections of the State
and brought sunshine after four days
of continuous rain.

New Orleans, Feb. 2. — Steps to
guard against danger from high
water in the lower Mississippi valley
were taken at a conference here yester-
day of presidents of State Levee
Boards and Government engineers.
Arrangements were made to patrol
Louisiana levees and to dispatch work-
men to points threatened.

Some lowlands in the vicinity of
Vicksburg, and Natchez have been in-
undated, but no loss of life or serious
damage has been reported.

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 2.—Thirteen
identified and 24 unidentified bodies
and 2 known dead, whose bodies have
not been recovered, constituted an
established death roll of 39 yesterday
from the Otay Valley flood of last
Thursday.

Marines sent into the devastated val-
ley reported today that the upper
Otay and the Morena dams of the
Otay river were intact.

Rear-Admiral W. F. Fullam, com-
manding the Pacific Reserve fleet, yester-
day sent Lieut. W. F. Bradley to the
Mexican border to investigate
reports of looting and extortion in
furnishing supplies to the flood suffer-
ers. Several arrests have been
made by civil officers.

WOMAN WITH THROAT CUT.

Mrs. Louisa Hofheinz Taken to Em-
ergency Hospital in Dangerous
Condition.

With a deep gash in her throat and
her wrists lacerated, Mrs. Louisa Hof-
heinz, fifty-seven years old, was
found dying in the bathroom of her
home, 2132 F street northwest, early
today. A razor with which the wounds
had been inflicted, was in her right
hand.

Mrs. Hofheinz was discovered by
her daughter, Mrs. M. Kummerlander
with whom she made her home. The
latter heard groans coming from the
bathroom shortly before 8 o'clock, and
on forcing the door discovered her
mother's plight. Mrs. Hofheinz was
hurried to Emergency Hospital. Phy-
sicians there who attended her de-
clared her chance for recovery is
slight.